Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the result of that consultation?

President : The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K.P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know what is the quantity of jaffna tobacco that is allowed to be imported into Travancore?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : 5,745 candies a year.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : What was the quantity of jaffna tobacco imported during 1109, in excess of the quantity allowed for the same?

Mr. C. O Madhavan : It is not possible to import in excess of the quantity allowed for that.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : My question is whether the Travancore Government was importing jaffna tobacco in excess of the quantity allowed for that?

President : The Excise Commissioner answered that the quantity is fixed.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether jaffna tobacco can be purchased for consumption in Travancore beyond the fixed quantity?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : Anything over and above the fixed quantity can be imported only on payment of a duty of Rs. 900 per candy. No man is likely to do it.

Mr. K. P Nilakanta Pillai : Whether it has been brought to the notice of the Commissioner that jaffna tobacco is being taken out of Travancore to British India through the Customs Offices in the Frontier?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : No.

Cultivation of beedi leaves in Travancore.

76. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount that goes out of Travancore for beedi leaves ; and

(*b*) whether beedi leaves cannot be cultivated here in larger quantities?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) A * statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

(*b*) A few years ago seeds of Diospyros melamoxylon were got down from Hyderabad and distributed to the several Divisions to be sown in congenial localities. Though the plants came up in some places fairly well in the beginning they began to languish later probably owing to excessive rainfall and the experiment has not been a success.

(The answer was read also in malayalam.)

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 440.

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Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Is it after definite enquiries that Government say that the experiment was not successful ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The answer is that owing to excessive rainfall the experiment has not been a success.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know in which part of the country were the experiments tried ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : In various parts of the country and in all congenial localities.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi : May I know whether it is not possible to try that experiment in the plains instead of in the hills where there is less rainfall ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : It was tried in different places and the experiment was not a success. That is what the Conservator reports. I do not know whether it is worthwhile to conduct the experiment again.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi : May I know whether there is any information that this plant was cultivated in any part of South Travancore ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I have no information on that point.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon (*Kottayam*): മഴ കൂടുതലായ തുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇതു നിന്നുപോയതെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. മഴ കുറഞ്ഞകാലത്തെ സ്ഥിതിഎന്താണ് ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : ഒരാണ്ടിൽ മഴ കുറഞ്ഞു എന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു എല്ലാ ആണ്ടുകളിലും അങ്ങിനെ വരാൻ തരമില്ല.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon: ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു പരീക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടു തരിയായിട്ടു വളർന്നവന്നു എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. ജനങ്ങൾക്കു തന്നെതാനെ കൃഷിചെയ്യാൽ നന്നാകുമോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : അതു് ആലോചിക്കേണ്ട ഒരു സംഗതിയാണ്. അതിനാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ മറുപടി പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know the actual amount spent ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The statement gives the figures for the last five years 1105 to 1109, and the average per annum is Rs. 1,33,076.

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Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 73.**

Statement showing the consumption (in terms of Proof strength) of several kinds of liquor during the last five years:—

	Jaggery arrack.	*Cocoanut toddy arrack.*
1105	1,23,128·44	680·82
1106	76,863·16	535·86
1107	57,634·95	392·68
1108	56,479·80	1,186·46
1109	51,112·34	876·11

Statement showing the quantity of foreign liquor imported for consumption during the last five years.

1105	35,859·7 gallons.
1106	30,159·4 ,,
1107	25,586·9 ,,
1108	21,298·3 ,,
1109	24,425·19 ,,

Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 75.**

Statement showing the quantity and value of tobacco imported into the State during the years 1107, 1108 and 1109.

Year.	*Quantity Cds.*	*Value Bh.Rs.*
1107	17,821	46,C8,350
1108	21,009	49,59,505
1109	17,922	47,32,050

Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No 76.**

Statement showing the value of beedi leaves imported into Travancore during each of the past five years.

Years.		*Value.* Bh. Rs.
1105	...	69,719
1106	...	1,09,188
1107	..	2,13,432
1108	...	1,08,636
1109	...	1,64,407
	Average	1,33,076 2/5

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